

## REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending. Claims 1-15 and 17 have been amended for the purposes of clarification only; no change in scope of these claims is either intended or believed to be effected by the changes.

This Amendment After Allowance is deemed to raise no new issues, require no new search, and require no substantial work on the part of the Patent and Trademark Office. In particular, it is noted that the amendments are for the purposes of clarification only. Entry of this Amendment is therefore requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

/Raymond A. DiPerna/  
Raymond A. DiPerna  
Attorney for Applicants  
Registration No.: 44,063

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO  
30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, New York 10112-3801  
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200